

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to include the sequence listing, and to add sequence identifying numbers. No new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

No additional fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 28616-002 NATL.

Respectfully submitted,



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